(b) Does not arise.

(c) 62.58 million MT of iron ore has been exported during 2003-04.

(d) Does not arise.

Deployment of Army units in Terrorist, Naxal and Extremist affected states

†188. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the terrorism, Naxalism and extremism, any army unit has been deployed in any part of the country;

(b) whetner there is any proposal of deploying army unit in Chhattisgarh in the context of the problem of the Naxal affected areas; and

(c) if so, by when the army unit is likely to be deployed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Army units are deployed for carrying out counter terrorism and counter insurgency opeations in the notified disturbed areas. Presently, the Army units are deployed in Jammu and Kashmir (12 Districts), Arunachal Pradesh (Tirap and Changlang Districts), Tripura (areas of jurisdiction of 29 police stations) and a 20 Km. belt in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along the Assam border in addition to the whole of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur Sates.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for the deployment of Army unit in Chhattisgarh to tackle the naxalist problem.

Increase in maximum age limit for recruitment in Army

†189. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 792 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 2004 and state:

(a) the reasons for fixing the maximum age at 21 years; and

(b) whether Government are considering to increase the maximum age limit, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) The

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